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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN NIXON-BREZHNEV TALKS

- 1. THREE HIGH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS RECENTLY HAVE INDICATED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS THAT SOME SMALLER NATIONS, AND PARTI-CULARLY THE NON-ALIGNED, ARE UNEASY ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR THEM AND THEIR INTERESTS OF INCREASINGLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS -- AND TO A LESSER DEGREE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING.
- 2. DURING RECENT CALLS BY USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH AND AMBASSADOR. BOTH ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY TOPOLOSKI AND FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT VRATUSA REFLECTED THIS CONCERN IN THEIR REVIEW OF CURRENT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS. AMBASSADOR REFERRED THEM TO DETAILED REPORTS PUBLISHED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NIXON-BREZHNEV TALKS AND TO REPEATED ASSURANCES BY WASHINGTON THAT NO DISCUSSIONS AFFECTING INTERESTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES WERE HELD AT EITHER SUMMIT. AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED ASSURANCES INHERENT IN NIXON-TITO JOINT STATEMENT IN OCTOBER 1971, AND ASKED THAT GOY DO WHAT IT CAN TO REMOVE SUCH CONCERN ON THE PART OF YUGOSLAVIA'S NONALIGNED FRIENDS.

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3. SAME CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED TO NEWLY-ARRIVED DATT

KLINGELHOEFER BY YPA INTELLIGENCE CHIEF GENERAL VOJVODIC. DATT RESPONDED IN SIMILAR VEIN.

4. COMMENT: THESE EXPRESSIONS OF UNEASINESS REFLECT A
PARTICULARLY YUGOSLAV LONG-STANDING CONCERN THAT SUPERPOWERS
MIGHT ARRANGE THINGS TO THEIR MUTUAL LIKING AT THE EXPENSE OF
SMALL COUNTRIES. THIS FEAR HARKS BACK TO THE SUPPOSED CHURCHILLSTALIN "FIFTY-FIFTY" AGREEMENT AT YALTA, WHICH THE YUGOSLAVS
SEEM UNABLE TO FORGET.IN ANY CASE, PERIODIC HAND-HOLDING AND
REASSURANCES THAT THEIR FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS SEEMS THE PROPER
PRESCRIPTION FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S NEUROSIS.
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